GROVER HEARD FROM.

HIS VIEWS OF CIVIL SERVICE.

An Answer to a letter from Geo. Wm. Curtis's Reterm League-Cold Comfort for Democrats.

NEW YORK, Der. 29 .- The following correspondence expains itself:

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE REPORM LEAGUE, | Owice 4 Pine Street. New York, Dec. 20, 1884.

Hon. Grover Cleveland: Srn-We have the he pr to address you on behalf of the National Civil Service Reform League, an ashas be to address you on behalf of the National Civil Service Reform League, an association composed of citizens of all parties, whose sole purpose is indicated by its name, and which takes no part whatever in party controversy. The vast increase in the number of persons engaged in civil service, and the grave mischiefs and dangers arising from general prescription in the service which for half a century has followed the change of party in control of the national administration, have produced so profound an impression upon the public mind that the first effective steps toward reform were taken with the co-operation of both parties, in the passage of the reform act of Jan. 16, 1883. The abuses which that act seeks to correct, however, are so strongly intrenched in the tradition and usages of both parties, that there is naturally widespread anxiety lest the party change in the national executive effected by the late election should show them to be insuperable; but, believing, as we do, that the reformed system cannot be held to be securely established until it has safely passed the ordeal of such party changes, and recalling with satisfaction and confidence your public expressions favorable to reform and your official acts as chief executive of the State of New York, we confidently commend the cause to your patriotic care in the exercise of the great power which the Amermend the cause to your patriotic care in the exercise of the great power which the American people have intrusted to you. Yours,
GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, President.

WILLIAM POTTS, Secretary. Following is President-elect Cleveland's

ALBANY, Dec. 25.—Hon. George William Ch. dis. Dean Stu-Your communication, dated Dec. 20, addressed to me on behalf of the National Civil Service Reform League has been received. That practical reform in civil service is demanded is abundantly established by the fact that the statute referred to in your communication to secure such result had been passed in Congress with the assent of both political parties, and by the further fact that a sentiment is generally prevalent among patriotic people calling for a fair and honest enforcement of the law which has been thus enacted. I regard we salf pladged to this because we are gard myself pledged to this, because my con-ceptions of true Democratic faith and public duty requires that this and all other statutes should be, in good faith and without evasion enforced, and because in many utterances made prior to my election as President, and approved by the party to which I belong, and which I have no disposition to disclaim. I have, in effect, promised the people that this should be done. I am not unmindful of the fact to which you refer, that many of our citizens fear that the recent party change in the national executive may demonstrate. change in the national executive may demonstrate that the abuses which have grown up in the civil service are ineradicable. I know they are deeply rooted, and that the spoils system has been supposed to be intimately related to success in the maintenance of party organization, and I am not sure that those who profess to be friends of that reform will stand firmly among its ad-vocates when they find it obstructing their way to patronage and place. But fully ap-preciating the trust committed to my charge, no such considerations shall cause a relaxa-tion on my part of earnest effort to enforce this law. There is a class of government positions which are not within the letter of the civil-service statute, but which are so disconnected with the policy of an administration that removal therefrom of the present incumbents, in my opinion, should not be made, during the terms for which they were appointed, solely on the partisan grounds, and for the purpose of putting in their places those who are in tical accord with the appointing power. But many now holding positions have for-feited all just claim to retention because they have used their places for party pur-poses in disregard of their duty to the people, and because, instead of being decent public servants, they have proved themselves offensservants, they have proved themselves offensive partisans and unscrupulous manipulators of local party management. The lessons of the past should be unlearned, and such officials, as well as their successors, be taught that efficiency, fitness and devotion to the public service are the conditions their continuance in public places: that the quiet and unobtansive exercise of individual political rights in a reasonable measure of party service. If is a reasonable measure of party service. If I were addressing none but party friends, I hould deem it entirely proper to remind hem that through the coming administra-ion is to be Democratic, due regard for the people's interest does not permit faithful party work to be always rewarded by appointment to office, and to say that while Democrats may expect all proper consideration, selections for office not embraced within the civil service rules, will be based upon sufficient inquiry as to fitness, instituted by those charged with that duty, rather than them persistent importantly or self-solicited. upon persistent importanity or self-solicited recommendations on behalf of candidates

Yours very truly, GROVES CLEVELAND.

for appointments.

A Few More Left. LANSING, Mich., Dec. 29.-The following commutations of sentences have been granted by Gov. Begole: William Witham sent from Genesee county Feb. 26, 1880, to state son for life, with solitary confinement, a murder in the first degree, commuted so at the term of imprisonment will expire in. 1, 1888; Julian Carger, sent com Saginaw county Dec. 29, Saginaw county Dec. 29, to state prison for life, for lar in the first degree, commuted so imprisonment will end Dec. 23, 1885; at imprisonment will end Dec. 23, 1880; sorge Davis, sent from Genesee County or. 25, 1882, to state prison for 20 years, for ips, commuted to 10 years; Elizabeth Vanstboof, sent from Berrien County, Dec. 15, St. to state prison for life, for murder, has done place of imprisonment changed om the penitentiary to the Detroit House Correction, without any alteration of the

A Counterfeiter Captured.

CINCINSIST, Dec. 29 .- At noon to-day a an was acrested in the Central avenue hing store for an attempt to pass three a-dollar counterfeit bills on the Third stional Bank of Cincinnati. He was at rehed at the Central Station and a pocket-ak containing \$440 in bills of ten-dollar communication was found on him. He gave name of Frank Stumps, aged twenty, I said be was just from Buitimore. He d said he was just from Baitimore. He is locked up on a charge of having counterin money in his possession. A reporter brylewed him in his cell and suddenly hed him if he knew Miles Cyle, to which anawered in the affirmative, but said he approved him for some time. He afterand deniest knowing Ogle, who is the man at engraved the plate for the bills, and who under arceet in Memphis, Tenn.

A STRIKE IN NEW ORLEANS.

Car-Drivers Making a Desperate Struggle Against the Authorities. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29 .- The car-drivers' strike has assumed a serious phase. All the lines but one yesterday acceded to the strikers' terms, but the men refused to accept unless that line surrendered. This action lost them public sympathy and this morning the cars started new men under the protection of the police. The strikers congregated at different points, cut traces, released mules, and threw cars off the track. When the police came they would lay themselves across the track and dare the drivers to run over them. They would of course be arrested, but this left the cars unprotected, when the remaining strik-ers would drag the drivers off and beat them. There is much indignation, and a number of merchants offer their services as policemen. About fifty ringleaders will be arrested before morning. No lines are running to-

night.

LATER—At 9 o'clock to-night all the companies gave in to the strikers, agreeing to pay them an advance of five dollars a month all around, and fifteen hours to constitute a day. All the strikers will be taken back except those guilty of penal offienses.

HOLCOMB'S TRIAL.

The Case to Go to the Jury During the Present Week.

JACKSON, Dec. 29 .- The ninth week of the Holcomb trial began this morning. The defense swore twenty-three witnesses to-day. The majority gave evidence as to Harrington's buying farms and not paying for them. and stating to responsible parties in his wanderings about the State that he was the third person at the Crouch house after the murder, and gave a description of the bodies and the wounds. Three witnesses from Union City tertified that Foy worked on a

Union City testified that Foy worked on a farm there in 1880, when Harrington said he met Foy on a Mississippi steamboat.

The defense is practically through, unless they decide to swear "Indian Dan" and the Captain, which question will be decided tonight. The prosecution asked the Court to allow them to put a new witness on who could give important evidence, and who had just turned up. The defense wanted to put in as evidence Mrs. Dan Holcomb's (since dead) statement taken at the inonest. The dead) statement taken at the inquest. The Court held both questions under advisement until to-morrow. The prosecution have fifteen witnesses for rebuttal. The case will go to the jury this week.

HORRIBLE DEPRAVITY.

An Unparalleled Story of a Life of Incest and Murder.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.-Joseph Ratti, a bachelor, came here thirteen years ago from Illinois, and located on a farm near King City. Gentry county. Two sisters accompanied him, one a widow, the other single, and aged 20. It developed to-day that Ratti has been holding illicit relations with the younger ever since. Several years ago the girl gave birth to a still-born child, and the proofs adduced show it was thrown to hogs and devoured. Two years later another was born, then a third a year later, and both fed to hogs. A week ago a fourth was born, and it is supposed was similarly disposed of.
The neighbors being suspicious entered the
house and found the girl dead from childbirth. Ratti was arrested to-day, and lynching is threatened.

John Kelly's Organ Sold.

New York, Dec. 29 .- The New York Star was purchased to-day by W. H. England. who is understood to represent a syndicate including his father, I. W. England, publisher of the Sun, and a paper manufacturer whose name was not learned. The price paid is about \$170,000. The new owners take charge on Thursday. The new owners take charge on Thursday. The paper will remain Democratic, but will be independent of any faction. The necessity for the sale grew out of Mr. John Kelly's illness and the death of Sydney P. Nichols, the largest stockholder in the concern.

Captain Howgate Seen.

San Francisco, Dec. 29 .- A telegram from Lordsbury, New Mexico, says: Captain Howgate passed through there last night enroute to Malone mining camp in Burro Mountains. The correspondent is positive about his identity.

A Sudden Death.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Chief Engineer William Lovens, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, died suddenly at half-past one this afternoon, while sitting at the din-ner table at his residence on Chestnut Hill. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his

Destruction by Fire.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 29,-The business portion of Kentland, about sixty miles west of here, was wiped out by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000; mostly insured. The fire was incen-

Remains Found at Racine.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 29 .- Portions of a body were discovered in the Opera House ruins to-day. They are pronounced to be the re-mains of either Mr. or Mrs. Glover, as they were found in the cellar below the room occupied by them.

Disaster and Death.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 20,-The millinery stock of J. J. Bliss was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$10,-000. George Bowers, a teamster, was thrown from a wagon here at noon to-day and in-stantly killed.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

About a hundred saloon keepers were ar-rested in New York Sunday for violating the

Dense fogs prevailed in New York and Baltimore harbors all day Sunday, entirely suspending the navigation of sea-going ves-

In the Toledo Congressional district Frank Hurd has decided to contest the election of Jacob Romeis, but declines to slate the

Edward Marble, the well-known actor, was day, on the charge of being drunk and dis-

Saturday Smith & Rosebach, wholesale and retail tobacconists, Minneapolis, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. The liabilities are stated to be about \$40,000. An attempt was made Sunday to blow up the office of the Plunket Woolen Company at Hinsdale, Mass. The force of the explose n spent itself, and the building was but slightly damaged. Disaffection with the superintendent on the part of some employes is given as the cause.

TRANS-ATLANTIC NEWS.

RENEWED EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Seventeen Hundred People Reported Killed in Spain - Gladstone's Birthday Celebrated.

MADRID, Dec. 28.-There were renewed earthquake shocks in portions of Andolusia to-day. The terror of the people is so great that the towns are almost deserted, the population being encamped in the open fields. The greatest disaster reported to-day was the partial destruction of Frigiliana, a town of 3,000 inhabitants. Hundreds of persons perished, being suddenly engulfed. It is now estimated that the number of persons killed outright or who have died from injuries received by the demolition of buildings, dwellings, etc.. consequent on the recent earthquake shocks, reach seventeen hundred. Returns from reach seventeen hundred. Returns from distant towns and cities are not yet all in. Several slight recurrent shocks have tended to intensify and prolong the panic existing among the people whose fears of summary wholesale extermination have driven them to the verge of insanity. There is great suffering in many towns, which is greatly increased, by the demoralization existing among the officials as well as the people.

GLADSTONE'S BIRTHDAY.

His Response to Congratulations Received from America.

LONDON, Dec. 29.-All day long messages from all parts of the United Kingdom. Europe and America, poured into Hawarden, the home of the venerable premier, congratulating him in the attainment of his seventy-fifth year. In replying to those re-ceived from America, Gladstone sent the following message to the United Press rep-resentative in London, with the request that he cable it to the United Press papers in

"HAWARDEN CASTLE, Hawarden, Wales.— I am most grateful for the kind congratulations of my American brothers on this, my seventy-fifth birthday, and request that they accept my best wishes, both for themselves and for their great country.

[Signed] W. E. GLADSTONE."

A Cash-Box Robbed.

STRATFORD, Ont., Dec. 29 .- A mysterious robbery of money from a cash-box or safe of the Grand Trunk Railway, between this place and Toronto, has just come to light.

The box was sent from the station here to Toronto. On arrival there it was apparently all right, as far as fastenings were concerned. On being opened, the contents were gone. It contained some \$800 or \$900 in money, and checks (useless to the the thief) amounting to between \$1,100 and \$1,200. The robbery was accomplished by cuiting away the formula of the contents of place and Toronto, has just come to light. lock and, after taking the contents, putting another lock on. Therefore, whether the robbery occured at the Stratford station, on the train or after its arrival it is impossible to tell. James Patton, a clerk in the office of the station agent here, has been arrested on suspicion, and is now out on bail.

Fatal Fall of a Chicago Bricklayer. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.-Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning Fred Bergholtz, foreman bricklayer for Mortimer & Tappan, contractors, met with a horrible death. He had charge of the uncompleted Home Insurance building on Lasalle street, near Jackson. He got on the elevator and went to the top to see if his men could go to work. After the elevator stopped Mr. Bergholtz slipped on some ice and was precipitated down the elevator shaft. He was instantly killed, falling nine stories. The remains were taken to his home. He leaves a wife and four children.

Gallagher's Case Postponed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The examination of W. J. Gallagher, accused of participating in election fraud, was to-day postponed by United States Commissioner Hoyne until Wednesday, owing to the absence of two material witnesses for the prosecution.

TRADE AND FINANCE.

OFFICE OF F. V. TAYLOR, No. 8 Canal St.,) GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 29, 1884. A very decided feeling of firmness has characterized the Chicago grain markets to-day. Wheat opened %c higher than Saturday's closing figures,

and after recording an advance of 1 to above first figures, closed strong, maintaining %c of the improvement. Cables report a firmer feeling abroad and large foreign orders have been placed in the seaboard markets, bad weather and a general change of front all adding to the upward tendency. These facts in connection with the low price of wheat, 10 to 15c per bu below cost of production, can reasonably be counted upon for further improvement. Chicago receipts to-day,

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NEW YORK, Dec. 29.

FLOUR—Dull but firm and slightly higher in some instances; superfine, \$2,356;2.85; round hoop Ohio, \$2,656;5.00; Minnesota extra, \$2,756;5.10; Southern flour steady and in moderate demand; common to choice extra, \$3,106;5.40; Whear—Options were feverish and excited and after many fluctuations closed steady, and 1 to 15c higher. Spot sales of ungraded winter red at 856;825;6c; ungraded spring at 186;3c; No. 2 red winter 346;85c, and No. 2 red state at 86;4c; No. 2 red winter January, \$4,563;14;c; do February, 855,66;6.4c; do March, \$8.4c.

Loun—Options were maderately active and firmer, prices we e unsettled, however, but at the close showed an advance of nearly 5c on Decomber and 1;56;6 higher, the latter on No. 2. Spot sales of ungraded mixed at 496;54c, and ungraded white and yellow at \$15,66;32c; No. 2 mixed December, 556;38c, and do January, 48;56;48.4c.

OATS—Options were firm and closed 4 to 54c up. Spot lots glosed firm and a shade higher. Spot sales of No. 2 mixed January, 34 ke hidded February, 34 kc.

RYE—Dull; Western 596;62c; State 66;65c.

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BUTTER—Steady: State, 156;25c; Western, 96;

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YESTERDAY'S COURTS.

Cincurr—Morris Hardman, by his next friend Wm. Hardman v. Thomas Robbins et al. Trespass on the case. Motion to dismiss for want of jurisdiction. Affidavits read, argued and submitted.—John S. Nichols v. Maggie Nichols, Chancery. Divorce. Decree granted.—In the matter of the assignment of Colombia. the assignment of Coleman & Thomas. Ordered that the dividend be declared on the basis of the claims proven, and that the account of assignees's account be allowed at the sum of \$150. — Barney Van Patten v. Lafayette Hatch. Assumpsit. Motion for new trial argued and submitted. — Lawson Valentine, administrator v. Mary J. Deam, executrix, etc., et al. Foreclosure. Decree

granted in accordance with prayer of bill.

Office Business-Elizabeth A. Burrell v.
Wm. Kimball. Trover. Suit commenced. Superior.—John Raak v. Martha Raak, in chancery. Motion for alimony and expenses; continued until Jan. 5, 1885.—The People v. Levi A. Whitfield. Larceny from person. Motion to vacate the verdict argued and submitted.

deceased. Order admitting will to probate, and appointing Jan Hendrik Tenhoopen executor.—Estate of Henry E. Prindle, de-ceased. Order appointing Chas. E. Belknap general administrator.—Estate of Elias W. DeCamp, deceased. Order allowing final account and distributing estate.—Estate of Wm. Purple, deceased. Inventory filed.—Estate of Adam Frey, deceased. Order allowing final account and distributing estate.—Estate of Leonidas S. Scranton. deceased. Order granting license to sell real estate.—Estate of Wilder D. Foster, deceased. Order allowing executor's third

deceased. Order allowing executor's third account.

JUSTICE SAUNDERS,—Albert E. Luton v. John S. McConnell. Assumpsit. Settled by parties.—Same v. John Harper Assumpsit. Judgment for plaintiff \$26.75, including costs.—Same v. Tom Sewell. Assumpsit. Judgment for plaintiff \$21.75, including costs.—Eugene Carpenter v. Geo. K. Johnson. Trespass. Suit withdrawn.—Mary Engel v. Tunis Waldron. Assumpsit. Adjourned to Jan. 21 & 1 p. m.—Geo. W. Hart v. Francis Boyland. Trespass on case. Settled.—Geo. K. Johnson v. Eugene Carpenter. Trespass. Judgment for plaintiff \$100 and costs.—F. W. Wurzbury v. Julius Vogel. Assumpsit. Held open until Dec. 30.

Pouce—Harry Bush. Drunk. Sentence suspended.—George Henderson and John Lynch. Same. Ten days in jail.—Robert Johnson. Vagrancy. State House of Correction ninety days.—Joseph Ringold. Disorderly. Paid \$5.50.—Peter Briedenstein. Saloon without license. Adjourned to Jan. 2 at 9 a. m.—Frank Werfel. Saloon open after hours. Paid \$28.35.—Edward Murphy. Same. Adjourned to Jan. 3 at 9 a. m. account.

3 at 9 a. m.

The Hotel Registers.

AT THE MORTON. -Wm. A. Crawford, Bos-

Grath, Philadelphia.
AT Sweet's.—B. F. Wilcox, Des Moines, Ia.; W. F. Hawkhurst, Detroit; John B. Trawley, Nashville, Mich.; A. J. Bowne, Hastings; John Cole, Fremont, Mich.; H. B. Peck, Allegan, E. R. Davidson, Detroit; D.

Peck, Allegan; E. R. Davidson, Detroit; D. O. Patson, Coopersvill, Mich.; C. B. Field, Muskegon; A. K. Hunton, Detroit.

AT THE EAGLE.—J. H. Payne, Ganges; M. A. Alword, Hamilton; G. J. Dikema, Holland, Mich.; C. C. Pailey, Fife Lake; A. J. Free, Ross, Mich., J. G. Cummings, R. T. Tinkham, Grand Ledge; O. W. Messinger, Spring Lake; W. S. Blodgett, Kalamazoo; D. L. Faton, Lowell; A. R. Cheeney, Sporter, F. L. Eaton, Lowell; A. B. Cheeney, Sparta; F. B. Otis, Olivet; H. D. Harvey, Bangor, Mich.; L. J. King, Big Rapids; G. P. Stark,

Real Estate Transfers.

Furnished daily from the office of W. R. Scribner, real estate dealer. Eliza S. Descon to Carrie A. Tieler, lot 55, Plainfield avenue add.
James Dolbee to Frederik Jansen, lot 44, Dolbee's add.
Julius T. Hannah to Wolcott F. Griffin, n 53 ft lot 154, Leonard & Co.'s add.
Moreau S. Crosby to John Hinsman, lot 18, blk 4, Fisher's add.
V. Beenas O. Koohman to John Dykman, part of s w ¼ s e ¼ of sec 25, Walker township.
Samuel T. Kourtright to Henry O. and Harlow H. Foote, part of w ¼ s e ¼ of sec 29, Wyoming township.

Wants the Postoffice. Charles H. Taylor is unusually active circulating a petition asking that he be appointed postmaster when the new admin istration assumes charge. The young Democrats are justly indignant, as they did most of the work in the campaign, and they say they don't like the idea of the old fossils in that party getting the spoils. Charley remember that the then Colonels are alive and that there is many a slip, etc.

Mrs. Livermore Coming.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, one of the most intelligent and eloquent lady lectures on the platform, will deliver a lecture in this city on January 8. Mrs. Livermore has been heard in this city several times and judging from the impression that prevails among the intelligent portion of the community it seems only necessary to mention the date of the talented lady's appearance to insure her a full house.

Overlooked.

In the report in yesterday's issue, of the banquet given to Mr. Gallup on Saturday evening, the name of Adolph B. Mason was unintentionally omitted from the list of those who made responses. Mr. Mason considered the tons "The Grand Rapids Lyceum," in a few happy words, with a few humorous reminicences that were well appreciated by the old members present.

Horses Starving.

LAST NIGHT'S COUNCIL.

CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS DONE.

A New Deal for the Board of Public Works A Sinking Fund to be Established Minor Matters.

The City Council met last evening, all the Aldermen being present, except Mr. Palmerlee, Mayor Belknap presided. Among the petitions presented were the

following: From the "Little Sisters of the Poor" to remit a tax of \$52 levied on land owned by them; referred to Committee on Ways and Means, from John Benjamin, collector of Third ward, relative to the case of Garret D. Rhawn, assessed \$8,50 tax, and giving facts in regard to his large family PROBATE.-Estate of Dina Te Goorbuis, and poverty; referred to Committee on Poor; the petition of E. J. Frederick for transfer of saloon license from No. 110 Canal street to No. 135 West Bridge street; granted; John Quimley to clean bridges at the rate of \$10 per month and do it well; Committee on Bridges: from Clerk of Police Court asking for repairs for the court room damaged by leaks from the roof; Committee on Buildings, together with City Attorney with power to act.

A report from the clerk of Police Court was read stating that A. T. McClure, John Farrell and Frank Werfel had paid fines for violating their liquor licenses. A motion to declare the licenses forfeited was lost by a vote of 7 to 8; the report was then placed on file. Ald. Gilbert said the vote was so close

have lost their licenses. Other violators could take warning from this vote and see that there is danger for them ahead. The City Marshal asked for a committee to settle the Canal street paving roll: Alds. Killean, Creque and Brenner were named by the Mayor for such duty; also Alds. DeGraaf, Albright and Pierce as a committee on the South Division street sewer roll and Alds. Grady, De Graaf and More on the grading of Second avenue. The City Controller's report was read and

adopted. The City Attorney reported relative to the powers of the Council in the matter of fixing the boundaries of streets, etc. A report of the Board of Public Works was read stating that the water works fund had been overdrawn and recommending a transfer of \$3,000 from the income fund to that fund; Ways and Means. Ald. Saunders from the Committee on Police reported relative to the petitions for the employment of city prisoners that the matter be referred to the Board of Supervisors; Ald. Grady moved to accept and adopt; Ald. Killean amended that it be so referred with a special committee of three aldermen. Mr. Grady accepted the amendment: Mr. Killean objected to its being so accepted and insisted on a vote as an amendment; carried. The original motion then carried and Aldermen Killean, Gilbert and Saunders were named as the confering committee.

Ald. Pierce, from Committee on Lamps, recommended a street lamp for Bowery and Pine streets; adopted. Ald. Gilbert, from Committee on Ways and Means, recommended the transfer of \$2,000 from the water works income fund to the water works fund; carried. Also to locate a district for grading and paving Fountain street: adopted. Ald. Patterson, from a special committee, reported that the total of the sewer roll for West Leonard street was \$2,-925 240, of which \$223 was 'still uncollected: adopted. The sewer roll for Ransom street was laid on the table one week to hear appeals. The assessment roll for paving Coldbrook street was taken from the table, ratified and confirmed; also the roll for compensation for property taken to widen Prescott street. The roll for sewer on Bronson street was returned by the treasurer, the Mayor directed to attach his seal and the Marshall to collect the same. The protest of A. M. Nichols, general superintendent of the Chicago & West Michigan railroad, relative to a flagman for Watson street crossing

tive to a flagman for Watson street crossing was placed on file.

Ald. Nester then brought up the proposed amendment affecting the appointment of members of the Board of Public Works, and it was taken from the table. Mr. Nester moved its adoption. Ald. Gilbert opposed the change, said it had worked well under mayors of all political affiliations and gave general satisfaction to taxpayers as expressed in their entiments on the subject. Ald. Nester said the alderman only meant a select few and it was mere assumption to say the bulk of taxpayers were satisfied. The select influence that makes and controls the Board is such that do not sympathise with the majorities or have anything to do with politics; it is too dirty. But when the election is over they insist on having the appointments. He could mention several Boards that were influenced in this way. Fe had nothing against this Board or its members, but he did know of a case where bank discounts were threatened if they did not have their way and several times such appointments had retired from the Board when they got their jobs finished. Ald. Gilbert asked Mr. Nester if he would speak up and say if the bank he referred to was not a mational bank. Ald. Nester said he could not say what kind of a bank it was, but the point was correct as stated. The amendment was adopted.

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A THUNDERBOLT

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